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LETTER RE WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION FROM ISSUE PURSUANT TO MPEP §714.15

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination was filed in the above-identified application on August 4, 2003, followed by the filing of a Preliminary Amendment on November 4, 2003, by means of which additional claims were filed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. 703-872-9306) on

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April 27, 2004

A Notice of Allowance was issued on January 27, 2004, but that Notice did not refer to the claims of the Preliminary Amendment which had been filed almost three months earlier.

In response to inquiries made to the Patent and Trademark Office, the undersigned was informed that the Preliminary Amendment would be found and reviewed.

The undersigned has now been informed that Claims 59 and 64 must be reviewed further before they can be allowed. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP §714.15, the Issue Fee is not being paid today, with the understanding that the application will be withdrawn from issue for further examination.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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